

REMARKS

In an Office Action mailed on December 28, 2006, the Examiner: (1) rejected claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 10, 12, 16, 17, 19-21, 25, and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Inagami et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,760,545); (2) rejected claims 3-5, 18, 34, 37, 40, and 43 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over a combination of Inagami et al. and Omoda et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,825,361); (3) rejected claims 13 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over a combination of Inagami et al. and Betker et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,052,766); (4) rejected claims 15, 30-33, 35, 36, 38, 39, 41, and 42 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over a combination of Inagami et al. and Blomgren et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,898,691); and (5) objected to claims 8, 9, 11, 14, 23, 24, 26, and 29 as being dependent upon a rejected claim, but otherwise allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By this Amendment, Applicants cancel claims 6-8, 11, 15, 21-23, 26, and 31-42 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof. Additionally, Applicants amend independent claims 1 and 16 and amend dependent claims 9, 10, 24, and 25. In particular, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to include the subject matter of allowable claim 8 and the intervening claim 7. Claim 1 is thus now patentable. Claims 2-5, 9, 10, and 12-14, which depend from claim 1, are also patentable. In addition, Applicants have amended claim 16 to include the subject matter of allowable claim 23 and the intervening claim 22. Claim 16 is thus now patentable. Claims 17-20, 24, 25, and 27-30, which depend from claim 16, are also patentable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to allow pending claims 1-5, 9, 10, 12-14, 16-20, 24, 25, and 27-30.

The Office Action contains numerous statements characterizing the claims, the Specification, and the prior art. Regardless of whether such statements are addressed by Applicants, Applicants refuse to subscribe to any of these statements, unless expressly indicated by Applicants. Should issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at (512) 996-6839.

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If Applicants have overlooked any additional fees, or if any overpayment has been made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit or debit Deposit Account 503079, Freescale Semiconductor, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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